

Appl. No. 10/082,674
Amdt. dated May 3, 2006
Reply to Office Action of February 24, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2006. Claims 4 and 9-12 were pending in the present application. This Amendment amends claim 4, cancels claims 9-12, and adds new claim 13, leaving pending in the application claims 4 and 13. Reconsideration of the rejected claim and consideration of the newly presented claim is respectfully requested.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 9, 11, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement and written description requirements, as well as 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the rejections, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims have been canceled from the present invention, such that the rejection is now moot.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 4 and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Ginter* (US 5,892,900). Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the rejections, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9-12 have been canceled from the present invention, and claim 4 as amended now depends from newly presented claim 13, instead of canceled claim 10, such that the rejection is now moot.

III. Amendment to the Claims

Unless otherwise specified, amendments to the claims are made for purposes of clarity, and are not intended to alter the scope of the claims or limit any equivalents thereof. The amendments are supported by the specification and do not add new matter.

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IV. Newly Presented Claims


Claim 13 has been added to cover different aspects of the present invention. In particular, this claim recites a processing unit that performs not only application search and execution steps, but also performs charge calculation and settlement steps. This is done without involving the application service providers. Such limitations are not disclosed or suggested by *Ginter*. This claim is supported by the specification and does not add new matter. Applicants therefore respectfully request consideration of newly presented claim 13.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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